

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Ryszard M. LecConfirmation No.: **2115**Application No.: **10/826,567**Group Art Unit: **3735**Filing Date: **April 16, 2004**Examiner: **Karen E. Toth**For: **ACOUSTIC BLOOD ANALYZER FOR ASSESSING BLOOD PROPERTIES**☒ MS Amendment ☐ MS AF

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ A Reply Responsive to the Office Action Dated October 16, 2007.
- ☐ A Reply Supplemental to the Paper filed .
- ☐ A Substitute Specification (pages 1 -) in clean form.
- ☐ A substitute specification (pages 1 -) with markings.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☐ replacement sheets of drawings are enclosed comprising figures .
- ☐ Request is hereby made to accept black and white photograph(s) in this case, as they are the only practicable medium for illustrating the claimed invention. One (1) set of black and white photographs comprising figure(s) is submitted herewith.
- ☐ Petition is hereby made to accept drawing(s)/photograph(s) in this case.
- ☐ Three (3) sets of color drawing(s)/photograph(s) and black and white photocopy that accurately depicts to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color drawing(s)/photograph(s), are enclosed, comprising figures .
- ☐ An amendment to the first paragraph in that portion of the Brief Description of the Drawings is also enclosed herewith advising that the patent contains at least one drawing/photograph in color.

- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed.
- ☐ An Assignee Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
 - ☐ Attached Form 1449.
 - ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer is attached.
- ☐ Appendices as follows: .
- ☐ Other
- ☐ **No Additional Fee is Due.**
- ☒ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as .
- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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	REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST PAID FOR	EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	35	35	0	\$25 EACH	\$0	\$50 EACH	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	3	0	\$105 EACH	\$0	\$210 EACH	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT				\$185	\$0	\$370	\$
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<input type="checkbox"/> TERMINAL DISCLAIMER				\$65	\$0	\$130	\$
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Comment: EXTENSION OF TERM

"Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) -- If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

See 37 C.F.R. § 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b) ". . . an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed. The period, or shortened statutory period, for reply that is set in the Office action or notice has no effect on the three month period set forth in this paragraph.

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$.00 is attached. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 23-3050.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-3050 in the amount of **\$230.00**.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of the fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-3050.
- ☒ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of October 16, 2007 to and through March 16, 2008 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of two (2) month(s).

☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

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